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## **Snohomish Co. massage therapist's license suspended by state for 10 years**

**OLYMPIA** — The Department of Health has suspended the credential of Snohomish County massage practitioner Danzel Lee Phipps (MASS.MA.60179126) for at least 10 years due to sexual misconduct.

Phipps's license was immediately suspended in June 2015 pending further legal action based on charges that during a massage treatment, he inserted at least one finger in his patient's vagina. This 10-year suspension completes the legal process.

After the 10-year suspension period is up, Phipps must meet requirements designed to protect the public and ensure patient safety before he can seek license reinstatement. Those requirements include paying a \$5,000 fine and undergoing a complete psycho-sexual evaluation.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Department of Health and the Board of Massage protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency and board establish, monitor, and enforce qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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